# Risk-Based Preaward Surveys (PASs)



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- Risk Handling Strategy & Definitions
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- Plan of Action & Milestones
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## **Overview**

- Buying Activity requested PAS.
- DCMC CAO recommended "Award."
- PCO issued a "T4C" due to financial problems.
- Buying Activity questioned reliability of PAS process.
- DCMC kicked off a review of PAS process to include reorientation toward risk assessments.
- Briefed Risk-Based PAS concept at July Ops Chiefs Mtg
   Action: "Solicit Customer input on Risk-Based PAS concept"
- Conducted Customer visits--Very well received!
- Developed common risk definitions--Customers concurred!
- 5 Pilot Sites selected to develop and test concept.
- Briefed Executive Council--Given the "Go-Ahead" to begin!



## **Customer Visits**

### • Army:

- Tank Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM)\*
- Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM)

#### Air Force:

- Ogden Air Logistics Center--Hill AF\*
- San Antonio Air Logistics Center--Kelly AFB

### Defense Logistics Agency:

- Defense Energy Support Center (DESC)\*

### Navy:

- Naval Inventory Control Point (ICP)\* (Contacted; did not visit)
- Customer Liaison Representatives (CLRs) facilitated visits.
- District PAS Process Champions/CAO PASMs supported visits.

<sup>\*</sup>Major Customer by Service



## **Customer Comments**

"Risk-Based PASs are an excellent idea...current PAS is limited."

"Exactly the type of product they would like to see DCMC provide..."

"Useful tool...in line with Acquisition Reform."

"Great idea...When will it be ready?..How can we help?"

"Challenge for DCMC is providing accurate, consistent, clearly written narratives in risk-based terms."



# Risk Rating Categories & Definitions

**RISK-BASED PASs** would identify and assess the risks associated with an offeror's proposed approach as it relates to accomplishing the requirements of the solicitation. Risk-Based PASs would also address an offeror's present and past work record to assess confidence in the offeror's ability to successfully perform as proposed.

#### **RISK RATING CATEGORIES:\***

**HIGH (H)**—Likely to cause significant serious disruption of schedule, increase in cost, or degradation of performance. Significant doubt exists, based on the offeror's performance record, that the offeror can perform the proposed effort.

**MODERATE (M)**—Can potentially cause some disruption of schedule, increase in cost, or degradation of performance. Some doubt exists, based on the offeror's performance record, that the offeror can perform the proposed effort.

**LOW (L)—**Has little potential to cause disruption of schedule, increase in cost, or degradation of performance. Little doubt exists, based on the offeror's performance record, that the offeror can perform the proposed effort.

\*An overall **Risk Rating** would be assigned for the prospective contractor as well as for each factor (quality, technical, financial, safety, etc.) identified by the requesting activity. The Award/No Award recommendation would still be given.

## Coordinated with Customers, District PASMs, Selected CAO PASMs, CLRs, HQ Personnel. SFAs



# Risk Handling Strategy Definitions

**RISK HANDLING STRATEGY\*** relates to the proposed surveillance activities, based on identified risk levels, that DCMC would provide to assure that contract requirements are fully met. The development and results of DCMC surveillance activities are available to customers.

**HIGH (H)**—Immediate and intensive surveillance will be accomplished. Options include: establishment of intensive system evaluations, product audits, partial or full process proofing, data review, root cause analysis, corrective actions, statistical sampling, etc. Also, process improvement integrated product teams (IPTs) will be established as a method toward mitigating risk.

**MODERATE (M)**—Intensity and frequency of surveillance may include establishment of scheduled system evaluations, process or product audits, partial or full process proofing, data review, root cause analysis, and corrective action, statistical sampling, etc. Also, process improvement integrated product teams (IPTs) will be established as a method toward mitigating risk.

**LOW (L)**—Intensity and frequency of surveillance is minimal and may be conducted using periodic reviews of Government and contractor data (e.g., Earned Value Management System (EVMS), delivery performance history, process control data, extensive audit data).

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## SF1403 "DRAFT" Template--PASM Comments

Risk Rating Categories

Risk Handling Strategy

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## SF 1406 "DRAFT" Template--QAR Comments

\*SF1404 (Technical) SF1405 (Production) SF1407 (Financial) SF1408 (Accounting System) would look the same.\*

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• The contractor is considered high risk in the quality area because...the risk handling strategy that we would employ during the administration of this contract is the following surveillance activities...





## **Plan of Action & Milestones**

## **Action: ECD**

- Brief District Operations Chiefs Nov 15
- Notify Pilot CAO Sites Jan 1
- Brief Executive Council Jan 27
- Post Tasking Letter Feb 4
- Provide Training/Expectations at pilot Sites Feb 8-19
- Start Pilot Test Feb 22
  - DCMC Santa Ana (W)
  - DCMC Philadelphia (E)
  - DCMC Chicago (W)
  - DCMC Atlanta (E)
  - DCMC Americas--Ontario (I)
- Evaluate Progress; Possibly Add More Sites Apr 30
- Complete Pilot Test Jun 30
- Analyze/Present Results to Ops Chfs/EC Jul 30
- Update Policy, Procedures, & PASS Aug 30
- Deploy DCMC-Wide Sept 30

\*Include NAVAIR as required--PAS Requests very Low



# **Pilot Test Operation**

- Risk-Based PAS only for "identified" Customers.
- Use common risk rating categories and definitions.
- Notify District/HQ PAS request and return to Customer.
- HQ will "follow-up" with Customers/CLRs--obtain feedback.
- HQ will provide "real-time" lessons learned to all pilot sites.
- Expectation:
  - Accurate Risk Assessments (Low, Moderate, High)
  - Consistent Risk-Based Narratives (Bullet format, state Risk up-front)
  - PAS response should put the Customer at the supplier--Be very Clear
  - Continue to provide Award/No Award recommendation
- Measure of Pilot Success--Customer Satisfaction!



# Summary

- Concept viewed as "Value Added" by Buying Activities
- Need to further develop, refine, and validate the "idea"
- Customer involvement throughout concept development
- Key Success Factor: Consistent Risk-Based Narratives
- Risk Based PAS Concept is consistent with:
  - DoD/DCMC Risk Management Approach
  - RBA Supplier Excellence Group Recommendations
- Long-Term Strategy--Integrate with the Supplier Risk Management Program
- Goal is Customer Satisfaction